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Work done by peons sanctioned to junior deputy inspectors of schools.

*1488 Q.—Mr. K. P. V. S. MUHAMMAD MEERA RAVUTTAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether the peons sanctioned to the junior grade deputy inspectors are ordered to be under their control during the tour and under the control of the senior grade deputy inspectors while at headquarters in Madura district?

A.—The answer is in the affirmative, the reasons being that the Junior Grade Deputy Inspector forms an integral part of the establishment of the Senior Grade Deputy Inspector concerned. The practice is not peculiar to the Madura district alone.

Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI:—"May I know why the peons sanctioned to the junior grade deputy inspectors are to be under their control while on tour only, but under the control of the senior grade deputy inspectors while at headquarters? May I know why this diarchy in Madura district?" (Laughter.)

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"There is no question of diarchy in the office of the deputy inspector of schools. As the answer says the practice is not peculiar to the Madura district alone."

Holding of the Secondary School-Leaving Certificate Examination at Harpanahalli.

*1489 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether Harpanahalli in Bellary district is a centre for the holding of Secondary School-Leaving Certificate Examinations;

(b) whether it was at any time a centre also for the Government Technical Examinations;

(c) whether any representation has been received from the parents of pupils appearing for the Government Technical Examinations from the western taluks of the Bellary district that the Government Technical Examinations should be held in Harpanahalli also as before; and

(d) if so, what orders have been passed thereon?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) An unsigned petition was received by the Commissioner for Government Examinations.

(d) As the number of candidates appearing from the locality is small and as the cost of holding the examination at the place is disproportionately high, it is not proposed to make Harpanahalli again a centre.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"May I know what considerations influence Government in arriving at a decision on matters like this?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"I do not follow the implications of my hon. Friend's question."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"With reference to the answer to clause (d) I want to know whether cost is the only factor that determines the question."

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The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Cost is the chief factor that has to be taken into consideration ?"

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know whether there is no other deciding factor ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I say, cost is the principal consideration."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" What are the other considerations ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I do not think there are very many other considerations."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" May I know whether there are any other considerations at all ? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" It has been answered."

Increase in the number of Deputy Directors of Public Instruction.

*1490 Q.—Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any proposal before the Government to increase the number of Deputy Directors of Public Instruction ; and

(b) if so, the reason and the necessity for the same ?

A.—(a) Yes. A proposal for the appointment of one additional Deputy Director is under consideration.

(b) The need for the appointment of an officer whose whole time and attention could be devoted to the examination and supervision of schemes for the improvement and expansion of primary, rural and adult education has been felt keenly. The proposed Deputy Director will undertake this work.

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo :—" Do not Government think it advisable to distribute the work among the present four or five officers ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I am afraid the hon. member is wrong. There are at present only two deputy directors, and it is proposed to appoint one more."

Grants for Annamalai and Andhra Universities, 1929–30.

*1490-A Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the amount provided for the Annamalai University in the Budget for 1929–30 ;

(i) for endowment fund ;

(ii) for current recurring expenditure ;

(b) whether any amount will be provided for the Andhra University in the Budget for 1929–30 ; and

(c) if so, what amount and under which heads ?

A.—(a) (i) The sum of Rs. 27 lakhs due from Provincial funds to the Permanent Endowment Fund of the Annamalai University under section 41 (ii) (b) of the Annamalai University Act has been paid to His Excellency the Chancellor of the University